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 Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: N. IWAMI et al (see attached)

For:  
 STORAGE SYSTEM

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Enclosed are:



19 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.



Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2003-206168 (which is hereby filed August 6, 2003).  A certified copy is attached herewith. incorporated by reference)



Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and  discussed in the specification or  attached Information Disclosure Statement.



Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is hereby claimed.



Specification: Abstract  , Description 84 pages; and 18 claim(s).



Preliminary Amendment.



Executed Declaration.

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